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By Email

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Subject: Water Licence NWB2BUR0305 Renewal Application

Dear Mr. McPherson;

On February 24, 2005 a letter from the NWB Manager of Licensing was sent to yourself regarding the requirements of the application process and documents that would need to be submitted. Among these were the application form, the supplemental questionnaire, an up-dated Spill Contingency Plan, an up-dated Abandonment & Restoration Plan and an executive summary with translation.

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge receipt of the Application for renewal of Licence NWB2BUR0305 received by mail May 3, 2005. A preliminary technical review was carried out on the application documents received and it was determined that additional information would be required prior to continuing with the licensing renewal process.

The review determined that further information with respect to the above documents is required as follows:

- i. **Application form;** completion of information requirements for Boxes 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and box 15 with completion date of exploration project; Maps should more precisely indicate the location of the camp with respect to other geographical features as well as indicate potential drill locations in the claim area;
- ii. **Supplementary questionnaire;** completion of information requirements to include the Applicant name, Items 3, 4, 5 (should include schedule of activities on a year basis; ie July 2005 to July 2008), Item 7 through 11 (include permit numbers and expiry dates; the one Land Use Permit reference that was included expired June 4, 2005), Items 12, 13, 14, Items 19 to 25, 27 and Items 29 through to 39;
- iii. **A current Executive Summary and translation.** The one on file is one that was faxed with the 2002 licence application. A new executive summary is required that is dated and includes a summary of the activities proposed over the new term requested.

- iv. The **Spill Contingency Plan** that was conditionally approved under the current Licence was to be supplemented with the submission of additional information in an addendum within sixty days of the issuance of the Licence. This addendum has not been received to day. The Plan that is required of the Licensee needs to be more site specific in several areas. These include, but are not limited to a description of the site, location and description maps; Iqaluit contact numbers for Env. Can., DFO, DIAND, GN DoE and emergency units such as the local police, fire and medical should be included; a local map of the area showing the camp location and fuel caches, a Spill Report Form, the name and position of the person responsible for the site is required along with a 24hr contact number and a petroleum products/chemicals inventory (for this small scale program, with no drilling confirmed, can you confirm that there is going to be over 300 drums of fuel at the site as indicated in the Matrix Spill Contingency Plan included with the application?).

A Spill Contingency Plan should be prepared in accordance with the "*Guidelines for Contingency Planning, January 1987*". Included with this letter, for your reference, is a document from DIAND that provides an additional resource for the requirements of a Spill Contingency Plan for submission with a water licence application.

- v. The **Abandonment and Restoration Plan** for the Licence is not project specific and does not address some of the main concerns that are required within an Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the Water Licence. The Environmental Policy and Guide prepared by Major Drilling is a good reference for putting together an Abandonment and Restoration Plan, however the Plan should be prepared in accordance with applicable sections of the "*Guidelines for Abandonment and Restoration Planning for Mines in the Northwest Territories (1990)*". A summary list of the minimum requirements of a plan is attached to provide some guidance on the preparation of a suitable document.

Once the above additional information has been received, the NWB will be in a position to proceed with the renewal process. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,



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Incl. SCP Recommendations
A&R Plan needs